

[CHAPTER 234]

AN ACT

June 24, 1941

[H. R. 3536]

[Public Law 129]

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction of certain public works, and for other purposes.

National defense.
Section bases for
support of small craft.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to establish, at various locations, such section bases for the support of small craft as the President may deem necessary to the national defense. The authority herein granted shall include the authority to acquire lands at such locations as the Secretary of the Navy with the approval of the President may consider best suited to the purpose, and construct or acquire buildings and other necessary facilities.

Appropriation au-
thorized.
Post, pp. 558, 680, 814.

Ante, p. 42.

Contracts on a cost-
plus-a-fixed-fee basis.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not to exceed \$50,000,000 to effectuate the purposes of this Act. This sum, however, shall be inclusive of the \$10,000,000 appropriated for section bases and related purposes by the Act approved March 17, 1941 (Public, Numbered 13, Seventy-seventh Congress).

SEC. 3. The provisions of section 4 of the Act approved April 25, 1939 (53 Stat. 590-592), shall be applicable to all projects authorized by this Act, regardless of location: *Provided*, That the fixed fee to be paid the contractor as a result of any contract hereafter entered into under the authority of the above-mentioned Act shall not exceed 6 per centum of the estimated cost of the contract, exclusive of the fee, as determined by the Secretary of the Navy.

Approved, June 24, 1941.

[CHAPTER 235]

AN ACT

June 24, 1941

[H. R. 3847]

[Public Law 130]

To adjust certain losses occurring in the redemption of adjusted-service bonds.

Adjusted-service
bonds.

38 U. S. C. §§ 686-
688b.

Adjustment of cer-
tain losses.

Appropriation.

Provisos.
Deliveries, etc., to
true beneficiaries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, whereas, in effecting the distribution and redemption of adjusted-service bonds in the years 1936 and 1937, as authorized by the Act of January 27, 1936 (ch. 32), as amended by the Act of June 3, 1936 (ch. 482, 49 Stat. 1099, 1396; 38 U. S. C. 1934 edition, Supp. V, secs. 686-688b), certain misdeliveries and erroneous payments were made, due for the most part to circumstances beyond their control, by certain postmasters and postal employees designated at the request of the Secretary of the Treasury to perform such fiscal agency service pursuant to the provisions of said Act of June 3, 1936, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Treasurer of the United States, and the Postmaster General are authorized, in those cases where it shall be jointly determined by the Postmaster General and the Secretary of the Treasury that such misdeliveries and erroneous payments occurred without negligence upon the part of the postmaster or postal employee charged with the error, to relieve them of such charges. There are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to effect the relief hereby granted, not to exceed, however, the aggregate sum of \$6,000: *Provided*, That in those instances where the misdeliveries or erroneous payments referred to herein have resulted in failure of the true beneficiaries or payees to receive securities or payments, proper deliveries and payments shall be promptly made to them as contemplated by the Act of January 27, 1936, as amended: *Provided*

further, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Limitation on attorney's, etc., fees.

Approved, June 24, 1941.

[CHAPTER 251]

AN ACT

Relating to certain Carey Act lands in Wyoming.

June 25, 1941
[S. 879]

[Public Law 131]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for use in connection with the Eden water conservation and utility project in the State of Wyoming and subject to such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, the Secretary of Agriculture may accept on behalf of the United States the reconveyance of any lands within the Eden project which have been patented to the State of Wyoming pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the Act of August 18, 1894 (28 Stat. 372, 422, as amended).

Eden project, Wyo.
Acceptance of reconveyance of certain lands in.

43 U. S. C. § 641.

Approved, June 25, 1941.

[CHAPTER 252]

AN ACT

To amend section 17 of the Joint Service Pay Act approved June 10, 1922, as amended.

June 25, 1941
[H. R. 2279]

[Public Law 132]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the last sentence of the third proviso of section 17 of the Act entitled "An Act to readjust the pay and allowances of the commissioned and enlisted personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service", approved June 10, 1922 (42 Stat. 632), as amended (37 U. S. C. 26), reading: "Retired officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Coast and Geodetic Survey below the grade of brigadier general or commodore and retired warrant officers and enlisted men of those services, shall, when on active duty, receive full pay and allowances", is hereby amended by deleting the words "below the grade of brigadier general or commodore" and by inserting after the words "warrant officers" a comma and the word "nurses" so that as amended this sentence will read as follows: "Retired officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Coast and Geodetic Survey and retired warrant officers, nurses, and enlisted men of those services, shall, when on active duty, receive full pay and allowances".

Joint Service Pay Act, amendments.

Retired personnel on active duty.

Credit in computing retired pay.

SEC. 2. At the end of section 17 insert the following: "That in the computation of the retired pay of officers heretofore or hereafter retired with pay at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 per centum of the active-duty pay received by them at the time of retirement multiplied by the number of years of service for which entitled to credit in the computation of their pay on the active list, not to exceed a total of 75 per centum of said active-duty pay, active duty performed by such retired officers subsequent to the date of their retirement shall be counted for the purpose of computing percentage increases in their retired pay. These increases shall be at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 per